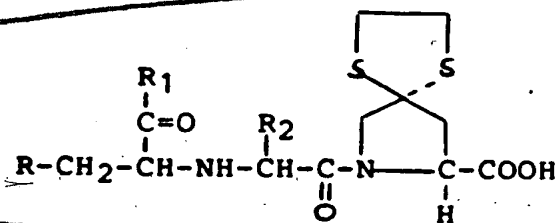


WE CLAIM:

1. A compound represented by the formula



wherein:

R is lower alkyl, benzyl, benzylthio, benzyloxy, phenylthio, or phenoxy;

R₁ is hydroxy or lower alkoxy;

R₂ is hydrogen, lower alkyl or aminolower-alkyl;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

2. A compound of claim 1 wherein R₂ is methyl.
3. A compound of claim 2 wherein R₁ is lower alkoxy.
4. A compound of claim 3 wherein R is benzyl.
5. A compound of claim 4 wherein R₁ is ethoxy.
6. A compound of claim 5 which is 7-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid hydrochloride.
7. A compound of claim 2 which is 7-[N-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid hydrochloride.
8. A compound of claim 2 which is 7-[N-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid.
9. A compound of claim 5 which is 7-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid hemimaleate.
10. A compound of claim 1 wherein R₂ is hydrogen.
11. A compound of claim 1 wherein R₂ is aminobutyl.
12. A compound of claim 11 which is 7-[Nα-(1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-lysyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride.

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13. A compound of claim 11 which is 7-[Na-(1(S)-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-lysyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid.
14. A compound of claim 11 which is 7-[Na-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-lysyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid dihydrochloride.
15. A compound of claim 11 which is 7-[Na-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-(S)-lysyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid.
16. A compound of claim 1 wherein R is benzylthio.
17. A compound of claim 1 wherein R is benzyloxy.
18. A compound of claim 1 wherein R is phenylthio.
19. A compound of claim 1 wherein R is phenyloxy.
20. A compound of claim 1 wherein R is lower alkyl.
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21. A compound of claim 20 which is 7-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxypentyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid hydrochloride.
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22. A compound of claim 20 which is 7-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxybutyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid hydrochloride.
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23. A compound of claim 20 which is 7-[N-(1(S)-carboethoxyhexyl)-(S)-alanyl]-1,4-dithia-7-azaspiro[4.4]nonane-8(S)-carboxylic acid hydrochloride.
24. A compound of claim 1 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salts is an acid salt.
25. A compound of claim 24 wherein the acid salt is hydrochloride or hemimaleate.
26. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an antihypertensive effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
27. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an antihypertensive effective amount of a compound according to claim 6 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

28. A method of treating hypertension in mammals comprising administering to a mammal afflicted with hypertension an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

29. A method of treating hypertension in mammals comprising administering to a mammal afflicted with hypertension an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

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